

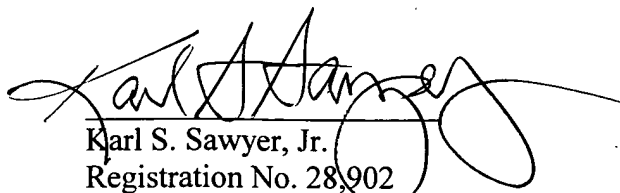
## REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the above-captioned application. The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being assertedly anticipated by Kirschner, U.S. Patent No. 5,509,971. The Office Action objected to Claims 3-9 and 11 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. However, the Office Action indicated that Claims 3-9 and 11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicants have canceled Claims 1, 2 and 10. Additionally, following the suggestion of the Office Action, Applicants have rewritten Claims 3-9 and 11 in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Fees for the additional independent claims are included herewith. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments in connection with this response to Applicants' attorney's deposit account numbered 18-1215.

In view of the above, Applicants believe that Claims 3-9 and 11 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration. An early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl S. Sawyer, Jr.", with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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